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Steele House  
Ingleside  
Private

circa 1840-55

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Irvin Steele House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Northwest side of Roe-Ingleside Road

CITY, TOWN

Ingleside

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

\_\_\_OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

## PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_MILITARY

☒ OTHER: vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

C. Earl Tribbet and Alice Tribbet

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Carter Road

CITY, TOWN

Ingleside

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21644

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 162

Folio #: 73

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Irvin Steele House is located on the northwest side of the Roe-Ingleside Road on the western edge of Ingleside.

The Steele House is frame, 1 1/2 stories high and four bays wide, with a double parlor plan and rear outshut across the rear facade. Flush chimneys are centered on each end of the steeply pitched gable roof, which extends in a catslide or saltbox slope to the rear to accommodate the rear outshut.

The front facade faces southeast, directly adjacent to the road. There are two doors in the center of the facade and one 6/6 window to left and right. Two 6/6 shed roof dormers are positioned on the second floor. The house is covered with wood shingle siding and roofing, and rests on a continuous brick foundation. The eaves are boxed in but are otherwise left plain. A one story open porch protects the majority of the front facade.

The foundation does not run directly across the west gable wall, but steps down almost to ground level to the left of the chimney. There

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

is one 6/6 window to the left of the chimney on the first floor and a pair of small windows flanking the chimney on the second floor. A single four-light window is the only opening in the west wall of the outshut. The shingle siding and rakeboards are not early.

The center portion of the rear outshut has partially collapsed. Evidently there were two batten doors near the center of the wall, with two six-light windows to the left and one to the right. There are two 6/6 shed dormers on this facade. The roof changes pitch, softening slightly over the outshut to allow more headroom at the rear. The upper pitch of the roof has a layer of corrugated tin roofing over the wood shingles. The rear wall of the main house, covered by the outshut, is sheathed with plain rough sawn weatherboards laid flush. There is no evidence of weathering on this sheathing and no evidence of rear windows, suggesting that the outshut is an original feature, not an addition.

A single 6/6 window to the right of the chimney is the only opening on the east gable. The brick foundation extends to the rear corner of the main house but drops down under the outshut. Plain horizontal weatherboards are visible under the present

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

wood shingle siding.

The interior consists of a double parlor plan with two additional rooms in the narrow outshut across the rear. The east "parlor" serves as a kitchen, while the west room is slightly more formal and doubtless served as the hall. The rear cells appear to have functioned as service and storage, and may also have provided extra chambers if needed. The east parlor has a chimney on the east gable wall with a relatively simple mantel. This consists of a board surround with a flattened ogee backband and a shelf with a Greek ogee molded edge. An enclosed winder stair to the right leads to the second floor.

The west parlor is similar, with a chimney centered on the gable wall and an enclosed winder stair to the left. The mantel is identical to the east mantel but has a crude shelf added at a later date. The area above the mantel is paneled with vertical beaded boards, adding a small touch of refinement. The front doors in both parlors are typical of the 1840's and 1850's, with two vertical panels and flattened ogee panel molds. The rear doors are constructed of vertical beaded boards and beveled battens and are hung on butt hinges.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

The second floor is divided into two rooms, each reached by a separate stair on the gable wall. A narrow door in the partition between these two rooms appears to have been cut in later, in which case the second floor rooms were originally segregated. Simple handrails at the top of both stairways and beaded trim boards on the dormer window wells are the only concessions to decoration.

The roof of the main house is constructed of common rafters set at a pitch of  $47^{\circ}$ . They are half-lapped and nailed at the ridge with machine nails and rest on flat false plates supported by the floor joists. Light collar beams are half-lapped and machine nailed to each rafter pair, serving as ceiling joists. The plaster on both the first and second floor is applied to machine sawn lathing nailed with machine nails.

The floor level of the rear lean-to is three steps lower than the floor of the main house. The present flooring is laid on circular sawn sleepers which are badly deteriorated. These joists do not appear to be original, and may replace an earlier wood floor or a dirt floor. The outshut has been partitioned to form a small room to the east and a long narrow

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.4 DESCRIPTION

room to the west. This partition cuts across one of the doors in the rear wall of the outshut and must therefore be a later insertion. The walls and ceilings of these two rooms are lined with horizontal flush board sheathing. A careful examination of the plaster walls of the main house reveals no evidence of rear windows. The roof of the outshut is constructed with whip sawn rafters at a pitch of approximately  $38^{\circ}$ .

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

8/28/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

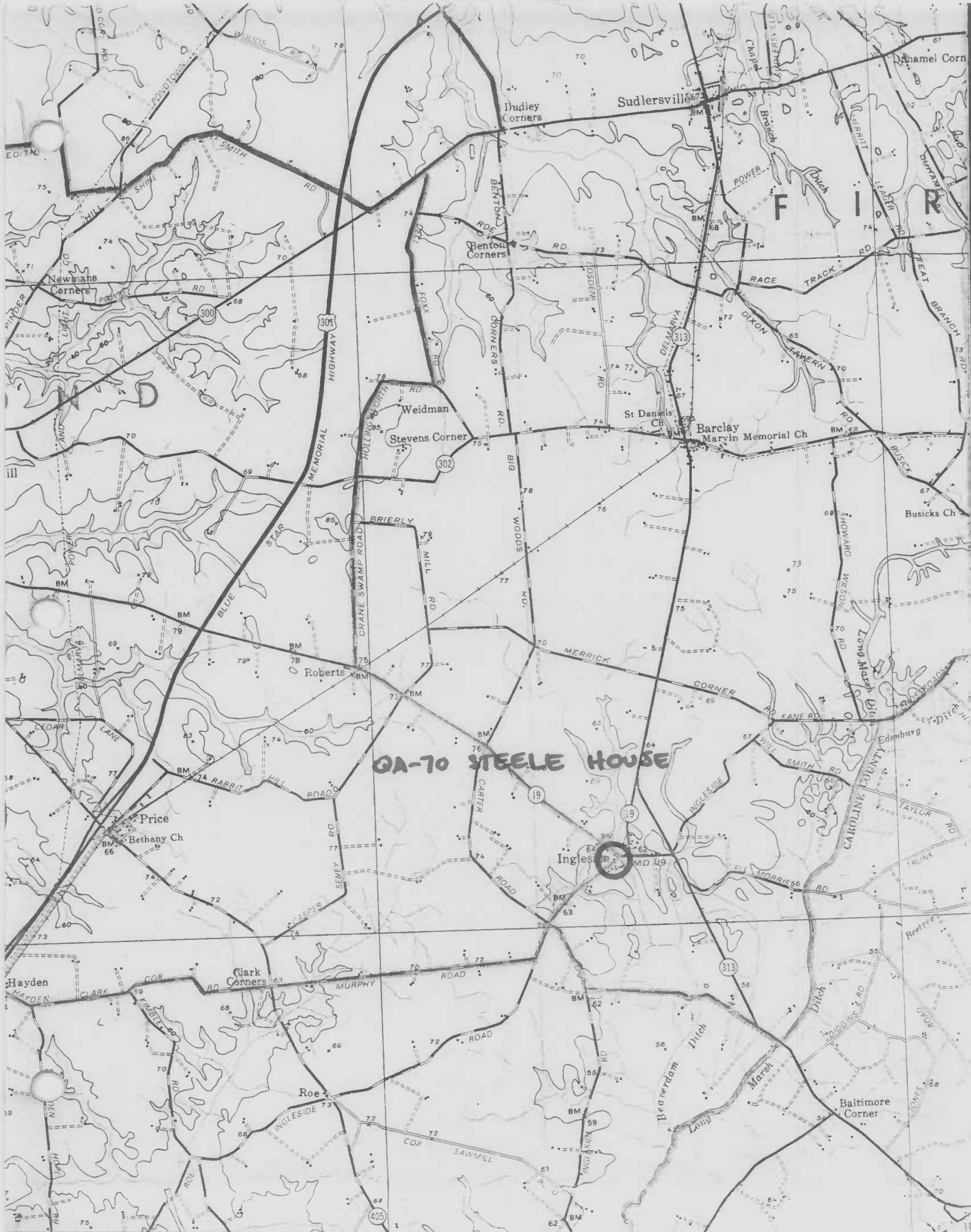
Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XVI; Recorded May 26, 1980.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Irwin Steele House  
Ingleside, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
Front facade from South



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Irwin Steele House  
Ingleside, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
View from North



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